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PLAN INCENTIVES TO IMPROVE QUALITY OF HOGS

Price Range Is
Now Too Narrow
In Top Grades

Meat Council Plan Is Major W.S.G.A. Decision

When Big Four Ministers Met in East Berlin Stock Growers

Hold Important
Annual Session

High River Goes All Out
to Make Gathering
Memorable One

WELL ATTENDED

Bert Hargrave of Medicine Hat
Re-elected President for
Coming Year

MAJOR DECISIONS of the Western Stock Growers' Association, in annual session in High River last week, included the endorsement of a plan to set up a Canadian Meat Council, to be supported by a five cent voluntary levy on all cattle marketed in Canada (and later on sheep and pigs); and opposition to the setting up of producer marketing boards.

Both Decisions Unanimous

The vote on the Meat Council proposals, now far advanced, was unanimous, following a detailed explanation of its purposes. The resolution rejecting the principle of marketing boards was also carried without opposition, though with a light vote. It is in accordance with the established policy. The opinion was expressed that such boards are undemocratic and infringe the rights of the individual.

Financing Meat Council

In supporting the Meat Council plan, the meeting went on record in the following terms: "That this organization favor a producer deduction of five cents per head for the purpose of building a fund from which a national body appropriately constituted, and including the council of beef producers, will conduct an expanded program of public relations and product promotion."

High River Features Occasion

The civic authorities and voluntary organizations of High River, with Nanton equally interested, contributed greatly to the success of the event, which was attended by several hundred delegates from all parts of Western Canada.

Long a centre of the ranching and farming industry for one of the province's areas, (the foothills area of Nanton and High River has been described as "the cradle of the ranching industry"), High River also has the deserved reputation of being in the forefront among progressive communities.

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Belief Expressed at Conferences — Suggested Increase From 40c to Dollar

QUALITY SLIPPING

Movies to Be Made to Demonstrate Differences, Showing Cutting

By M. McDOUGALL, Press Gallery
Leader Correspondent

OTTAWA, Feb. 17th.—There is active interest here as in the Canadian Federation of Agriculture and throughout the agricultural industry in the improvement of the quality of Canadian hogs. The quality has unquestionably been slipping for some time, and particularly in the past two years. The price level has been good, and with limited supply the market has kept up. A period of increased production is now setting in, as there is increased breeding which will show results next fall. Then will come the testing period, a time of surplus.

To Provide Incentive

There have been several meetings in different Western cities dealing with the grading on more effective lines and price differentials. It is felt that the difference in top grades is too narrow. It has been 40 cents and it is believed this should be \$1, which would provide incentive for quality improvement. This incentive would prove useful.

In addition to helping, the department will make movies to facilitate demonstrations on differences in quality, showing the cutting up of lean and fat hogs. Demonstrations have been and will be given in various centres along this line.

Were Certain Standards

Some years ago there were certain standards which had to be met to supply the British market. Even with that market cut off for hogs (Wiltshire sides) because of the sterling difficulties, with growing demand for pork in the domestic

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Before the conference of the foreign minister of the "Big Four" ended in a deadlock upon the issue of the future of Germany and the signing of a peace treaty with Austria they held several secret sessions which may have paved the way for a Korean peace conference, though little has been given to the press concerning the discussions. The meetings between Eden, Dulles, Bidault and Molotov were held alternately in the U.S. zone and in Soviet controlled East Berlin. The picture shows a squad of People's Police of East Berlin marching up to the Soviet embassy for guard duty while the foreign ministers were in conference.

Farmers' Unions Present Brief

OTTAWA, Feb. 15th — Meeting with members of the federal cabinet here today, the Interprovincial Farm Union Council presented some two dozen requests, almost all of them dealing with the agricultural industry. J. L. Phelps of Saskatoon, council president, headed the delegation.

Among major requests, proposals and observations were the following:

(1.) Support asked in helping farm organizations to set up producer marketing board for livestock, under provincial legislation where available, with national board ultimate goal; (2.) Board of inquiry into all aspects of livestock industry, particularly price spreads; (3.) Early agricultural conference to map out overall agricultural and marketing program and policy; (4.) Exploration by Federal Government of possibilities of barter trading and convertibility of sterling; (5.) Guaranteed prices for agricultural products sold in Canada; (6.) Independent commission to enquire into handling of grain, from country elevator to consumer; (7.) Royal commission to investigate costs of

C.F.A. Meets Cabinet Today

An article dealing with policies and programs of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture which are to be laid before the cabinet in Ottawa today appears on page 9.

making farm implements; (8.) Federal Government to urge voluntary reduction in fertilizer prices; failing that, inquiry under Combines Investigation Act; (9.) Three-way crop insurance plan; (10.) Representation by producers on all Federal Boards and commissions dealing with agriculture.

(11.) Emergency financing for farmers unable to deliver enough grain to pay for 1954 seeding; (12.) Endorsement of principles behind I.W.A.; (13.) Study of Bank Act with view to longer-term agricultural loans.

The Council also expressed concern that proposed amendments to the Criminal Code might lead to loss of civil rights, and urged Federal grants to Provinces to provide for minimum standard of education across Canada.

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Wins Scholarship for St. Xavier
OTTAWA, Ont. — The only Canadian to receive the scholarship, John McConnell, of Regina, is receiving training in co-operative development work at St. Francis Xavier University, under the sponsorship of the International Development Placement Association. When he completes the five-month course, he will be sent for two years to Asia, Africa, the Middle East or South America.

Pork Production Expands

THE HAGUE, Holland — Pork production in the Netherlands has grown from 209 million pounds in 1948 to 700 million pounds in 1953. The U.K. is the leading export market, though increasing amounts are being sent to the U.S., chiefly in the form of canned hams.

A.F.A. NOTES

By JAMES R. McFALL, Secretary

A.F.A. Presentation to Alberta Cabinet

—On Friday, February 5th, the Directors of the A.F.A. met with the provincial cabinet and submitted the resolutions from the annual meeting that dealt with provincial matters. This is an annual conference with the Cabinet members and it can be said that discussions at this time are helpful to the directors and we believe of assistance to the Cabinet Ministers.

This year the submission included sixteen resolutions. Some of these were expressions of support for present legislation, for example, our request that legislation prohibiting the coloring of margarine any shade of butter be maintained. Others asked for study or consideration of some problems, as in the case of buying stations we asked the Department of Agriculture to determine the importance and usefulness of these buying stations to the livestock industry. Many producers feel they are costly and only a duplication of services.

Our resolution dealing with crop insurance asked for assistance in making a more thorough and complete study of this question. We also solicited some assistance to make our Farm Radio Forum program more effective.

Water Authority Opposed

A lengthy resolution dealing with the Great Plains water authority met with opposition on the grounds that Alberta should not release control by the province, as suggested in the resolution.

The Federation stand on labor disputes, which is in support of compulsory arbitration and settlement, met with considerable interest. While

Minister for External Affairs Talks to Farmers' Parliament



For the first time in C.F.A. history, the annual gathering of the Canadian Farmers' Parliament, at London, Ontario, January 27th, was addressed by Canada's Minister for External Affairs, Hon. Lester Pearson. In his address, the former president of the United Nations, discussing international relations, emphasized the vital necessity of effecting the best kind of international co-operation, particularly between U.S. and Canada, in resolving problems of trade and other economic affairs. In doing so, however, he laid greater stress on the necessity to pursue the over-all task of preserving and strengthening peace and security among nations.

The above picture shows the Minister (centre), greeted by President Hannam, of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, (left) who was elected this year for his 14th term as president, and by First Vice-President W. J. Parker, of Winnipeg, and Second Vice-President J. A. Marion, of Montreal, at the right, who were also re-elected to office.

A number of highlights of Mr. Pearson's address were published in our last issue. The minister further stated:

The Government cannot see its way clear to support this stand, it does appreciate the Federation stand and our interest in agriculture's particular problems in relation to strike action.

Compulsory car insurance, taken out with licenses, was discussed along with suggested methods of approach to this question, however no commitments were made.

While the Federation's Number One request for marketing legislation was again left without any assurance of success, the discussion as a whole may be considered satisfactory.

A.F.A. Board Meeting — The Federation Board meeting was held following the presentation to the provincial cabinet. The question of finance was one of the major items on the agenda. The Federation experienced a deficit of over a thousand dollars in 1953, and is faced with increased expenses this year, including a \$700 increase to the Canadian Federation of Agriculture. The work of the Federation on both provincial and national levels seems to be growing more demanding each year. We are being asked and expected to function on this and that committee, to study various questions and to report our findings. For example, on the provincial level we have Experimental Farm Committees, we have a Crop Insurance Committee, and are now setting up a committee to work with the F.U.A. committee to study the functions of these two organizations and ways and means of developing liaison. This work is all important and yet takes money to carry out. The Board therefore, is asking the Federation member organizations to consider higher assessments or upward revision of membership used as a basis for assessment.

Mr. Frey's Resignation

The Board received and accepted the resignation from the Board of Jake Frey of Arneson. Mr. Frey was director representing farm supplies.

"We naturally hope that (U.S.) policies and the arrangements which the U.S.A. will make for disposing of existing agricultural surpluses will help and not hinder the creation of conditions throughout the world in which both consumption and economically sound production will be encouraged.

"None of us want to see food production curtailed or surplus food destroyed when there are so many hungry people to be fed. Indeed, as long as these people remain hungry there can't be such a thing as 'surplus' except in the economic sense. All our humanitarian and social instincts rebel at a policy of contrived scarcity and food destruction.

"Not in Interests of Underfed"

"It is not in the interests of the underfed, however, to have temporary surpluses of food created in some countries by means which involve restrictions on the exports, and hence ultimately on the output, of OTHER producing countries. Nor is it in their interests to have 'surpluses' distributed in a manner which will disorganize markets and thus reduce production elsewhere. These are not the ways to bring about a real and dependable increase in the world's supplies of food."

Mr. Frey, in presenting his resignation, recommended the appointment of George E. Church to take his place. The Board accepted this recommendation and have appointed Mr. Church to fill the vacancy.

In setting up the A.F.A.-F.U.A. functional committee, the Board agreed to send invitations to J. McK. Hughes of Flatbush, Bob Muir of

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The Boxcar Situation

The fact that Alberta Pool Elevators are unable to handle all grain offered by Pool members this season is a source of regret to the directors and management of the organization. Because of continued congestion in Pool elevators many loyal members are unable to patronize their own co-operative facilities.

Increased elevator space does not appear to offer a permanent solution to the situation. Since 1939 the capacity of Alberta Pool country elevators has been more than doubled, and presently stands at 34½ million bushels. Yet congestion is now more critical than ever before.

The real solution lies in a more equitable method of distributing boxcars. The present system of providing cars equally between elevators, regardless of their handlings, is depriving farmers of the right to deliver grain to the elevator of their own choice.

The Alberta Wheat Pool, on behalf of its 50,000 members, is making every effort to have this injustice corrected. With the active and loyal support of farm people this can be done.

ALBERTA WHEAT POOL

Nearly 700 Attend Banquet of Western Stock Growers Assn.

High River F.U.A. Are Hosts at Dance and Entertainment in Memorial Centre

High River F.U.A. were hosts to the Western Stock Growers' Association, following the banquet which wound up the two days' convention. Between 650 and 700 attended the banquet, held in the Memorial Centre; John Cowling, president of the High River Chamber of Commerce, was chairman. C. A. Bell, of Banff, guest speaker, gave a most interesting account of the life of Charles Russell and his association with High River.

Presentations were made to Ken Coppock, former secretary, and his secretary, Miss Hookway; and flowers were presented to Mrs. Ian Chisholm, wife of the present secretary. In recognition of their handling of the big job of catering for the banquet, and serving it, Mrs. Switzer and her assistants were presented with a bouquet and corsages, respectively.

With Archie Hogg, president, in the chair, the F.U.A. program began with community singing, featuring the appropriate "Home on the Range" and continued with dancing, including square dancing, to music supplied by Mrs. Hogg's orchestra. At about half-past eleven there was an interval for an enjoyable program of singing, dancing, and baton twirling.

Most interesting, too, was the auction sale of portraits of officials and members of the stock growers' organization, done by Bert Smith, who lives in the foothill country west of High River. The witty auctioneers were Archie Boyce, Olds; Warren Cooper, Nanton; and Harry Vold, Ponoka, and the sale raised some \$140 for the Crippled Children's Hospital in Calgary. Dancing was resumed until the small hours.

Greater Than Population Growth

WASHINGTON, D.C. — For the first time since the war, world food production in 1953 exceeded population growth. This was reported to the December conference of F.A.O. in Rome, by the retiring director-general, Norris E. Dodd. Mr. Dodd was succeeded by Dr. P. V. Cardon, an American agricultural scientist.

France harvested last year a near-record wheat crop, totalling some 325 million bushels.

Leduc, and Freelan Wilford of Stavely, to act on this committee. Mr. Young announced that their counterpart to this committee included: Uri Powell of Sexsmith, Terence Oldford, Red Deer; and Mrs. C. T. Armstrong, Calgary.

I.F.A.P. Annual Meeting — The I.F.A.P. annual meeting will be held in Kenya during May of this year. The directors felt they could not afford to send a delegate. However, Mr. Marler and Mr. Plumer will attend a regional I.F.A.P. meeting at Washington, D.C. on February 23rd and 24th. This meeting will include delegates from farm organizations in Mexico, United States and Canada. Prior to attending the Washington meeting, the C.F.A. executive will meet at Ottawa and will also meet with the Federal Cabinet on February 19th.

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— W. C. CAMERON,
of federal marketing service,
Ottawa.

Institute Members Look Ahead in Field of Farming Practice

By RAMSAY BELLINGHAM

Discussion of subjects of wide general interest in the West featured a recent meeting of the Agricultural Institute of Canada (Calgary Branch). Three members well-known in the agricultural field in the Province formed a panel to lead the discussion on the topic, "Agriculture Looks Ahead in the Field of Application."

Fred Bell, Calgary District Agriculturist, led off dealing with the subjects of soil and conservation.

Declines Growing Inferior Varieties
"Field crops provide more than half the direct cash income of farmers in Alberta," said Mr. Bell. For the future he said Alberta farmers had to keep crop quality high. He decried the growing of inferior wheat varieties such as Red Bobs and Garnet.

Dealing with conservation; Mr. Bell said that erosion was one of the greatest threats to Canada's welfare. Many single crop farmers continue to mine their land, rather than adopting a permanent cropping rotation system, he added.

Farming Must Become More Intense

Dealing with the future of agricultural engineering and irrigation, R. H. Cooper of Olds said that the trend to greater mechanization will likely continue. He said that as the population of western Canada grows, farming will have to become more intense to produce the increased quantities, and farms will become smaller. He also voiced the opinion that a knowledge of farm management was a vital need for Alberta farmers. There should be a farm management department, he suggested, at the University of Alberta.

Hector McDonald, a Crossfield farmer, dealt with livestock and forage. "Research is the mind of tomorrow rather than the mind of yesterday," he said. The farmer of the future in Alberta must pay attention to the findings of research to carry on a successful business, declared Mr. McDonald.

Trebles Beef Production per Acre

One research finding which he is personally applying at his Crossfield farm, Mr. McDonald described as: mixed grass crop forage. Mr. McDonald remarked that he was able at Crossfield to produce three times as much beef per acre from a grass-legume mixture as he was from grass only. Grazing is the cheapest way, he had found, to harvest forage and under his conditions a swather was the best method of harvesting hay,



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followed up with a dump rake and a farm hand.

Discussion following the panel emphasized chiefly the need for an understanding by farmers of farm management principles and of the role of agricultural institutions in providing this necessary knowledge.

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Total assets of Sun Life of Canada now stand at upwards of \$1,829 millions, it was announced to the annual meeting last week by President George W. Bourke. Total insurance in force totals well over \$5,500 millions. During 1953 no less than half a million dollars in benefits was paid out by the Company each working day.

Soil Constituents of High Value Used Up in Producing Bumper Crop

The big crop of 1952 used up 620,000 tons of nitrogen, 295,000 tons of phosphorus and 146,000 tons of potash from Western Canadian farm lands, estimates H. J. Mather, of Line Elevators Farm Service; and at least twice those quantities were lost through erosion. This is equivalent, the writer states, to the amount of plant food contained in almost half a million acres of good soil; the quantities returned through the application of commercial fertilizer was only a small fraction of the amounts used or wasted. Mr. Mather urges consideration of the increased use of crop rotations and commercial fertilizer to maintain the fertility of our good soils.



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FARM SURPLUSES

Because their own economic well-being is to a great extent dependent upon international trade influences, farmers of the prairie provinces of Canada tend to be "internationally minded."

For this reason, among others, the broadcast of the National Farm Radio Forum on Monday of this week must have proved of exceptional value to all our farm people. The fact that the president of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, Dr. Hannam, and the president of the Alberta Federation, Roy C. Marler, were participants, gave added interest to the program.

It is clear that the problem of distributing food surpluses to the "have not" regions of the world cannot be solved by the farmers alone. The cost of the contribution of the wealthier nations to the achievement of world stability through the raising of living standards in lands where standards of living are primitive must be borne by all classes of citizens — by the peoples of the well-to-do nations as a whole.

To achieve this end was the objective of Lord Boyd-Orr, when he sought to endow the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations with wide powers. That is what the International Federation of Agricultural Producers wishes to see achieved through an International Commodity Clearing House.

Miss Florence Reynolds, F.A.O. information officer for North America, had some pertinent things to say on this subject at the recent annual convention of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture in London, in an address which was one of the highlights of the public sessions. It does no good, she said, for the farmer to produce food, if that food cannot be eaten by hungry people who need it.

"F.A.O.," Miss Reynolds pointed out, "is the only organization the world ever had for the purpose of bringing governments together to talk about food, and to organize co-operative effort through which governments can work together for food and agriculture."

"In democracies, governments do not lead, they follow. We must tell our governments what we want them to do, because they must work for us. The C.F.A. has the responsibility of prodding the Canadian government to take the action it should in the councils of F.A.O."

"Surpluses are the amount of food above what you can use and which you can not move, forthwith, into a market that will pay us. There are consumers ready and eager to eat up all the food that Canadian and U.S. producers can grow; but many of these potential consumers cannot buy our food because they have no dollars. They have no dollars because they have no jobs that pay them dollars. They have no such dollar-paying jobs because they are not equipped to make things which we will accept in trade for the surplus food we have."

"The United States," said Miss Reynolds, "are investing \$25 billions in armaments ... 25% of which becomes obsolete every six months. Out of every \$1.00 paid in taxes, 75c

DALLIANCE

How narrowly our vision is confined.

Too seldom do we contemplate the height
Around whose base our myriad pathways wind,
The shining peak beyond our groping sight.
We view the maze of wreckage war has strewn
With wild abandon over distant lands,
While in these realms where war is still unknown
We build frail bridges over shifting sands.

The joyful uplands where man might contrive
A happier age lie idling in the sun.

There, and there only, freedom's seed can thrive
And see life's fullness for all men begun.
But shorter, ever shorter, grows the time
For faith to speed us on the upward climb.

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goes for defense; 10c for veterans and former wars ... and 15c for all the rest of government expenditures (including 1.2c for agriculture.)"

This subject will no doubt be given attention at the conference of farm leaders from Canada, Mexico and the United States which is to be held in Washington next week — on February 23rd and 24th under I.F.A.P. auspices.

BARRIERS TO GOODWILL

Perhaps the greatest obstacle to goodwill and understanding between the leading democratic nations of the world is not to be found in the personality and methods of Senator McCarthy himself — serious as that obstacle is — but in the campaign now being carried on in some widely read American publications against the trade policies of the allies of the United States.

For instance, the **Saturday Evening Post** calls upon Secretary Dulles to exert pressure upon the United Kingdom to curtail trade with the Chinese mainland, which Britain needs as much as China does. The **Post** omits to state that total United States trade with China last year exceeded that of the United Kingdom — though it was all one way.

The U.S. sold nothing to China, but the value of her imports of China's products was greater than the total of all British export and import trade with that country combined. The dollars earned by Peking through sales to U.S. were spent largely in West Germany, thus enhancing the power of the West Germans to buy in the dollar market.

The **Post** does not record the fact, either, that Japan — which is amenable to U.S. influence — never ceased to trade with China, even during the Korean war.

The subject of trade across the Iron Curtain is a difficult and complex one; but in the face of the actualities, which are presented by Joseph C. Harsch in the **Christian Science Monitor**, the **Post's** campaign smacks more than a little of hypocrisy.

"One of the few activities that the modern world can claim to carry on in a manner no way inferior to the great works of the past is the creation of ruins." — **Punch**.

Canadian Dairymen In Setting of World's Food Position Today

"Seventy per cent of the people of the world live in less developed countries, and to raise the average diet of these to the average of the world as a whole would require additional food equal to the entire 1952-53 production of North America and Oceania combined," D. C. Cameron informed the recent convention of the Alberta Dairymen's Association in Edmonton. The associate director of marketing service in the federal department of agriculture, Mr. Cameron considered the problems of Canadian dairying in the setting of the world's food position as a whole.

World Population Growing Faster

"For the first time since 1939," said Mr. Cameron, quoting authenticated statistics, "though as yet insecurely, production of food on a global basis caught up with the growth of world population." Yet, he added, "if apparent surpluses in some areas retard production, results could be serious because world population will continue to increase at an accelerated rate, and it is now 17 to 20 per cent greater than pre-war."

The speaker quoted a well-known authority, A. W. Marsden, director of the Commonwealth Bureau of Dairy Science, to the effect that if Canada does not produce enough milk for domestic requirements, and contemplates the purchase of dairy products from other countries, then it is "doubtful if Canada could be sure of being able to obtain extra dairy requirements from abroad in ten or twenty years."

Production Increase in 1953

"Because of the ravages of war, it was a natural consequence that, following the cessation of hostilities, milk cow numbers and production of milk would increase in many countries that have been overrun by the enemy. In 1953, world milk production has been probably 10 to 12 per cent above pre-war volume." The increase was most marked in the United Kingdom, Denmark and the Netherlands, while New Zealand continues to produce at record levels, and in 1952 exported more butter, cheese and milk powder than any

other country. Australia is recovering from drought and fires, but, like Canada, its rapid increase in population is reducing its volume of exportable dairy produce.

The U.S. increased its production of dairy products in 1953, and, "under price-support policies, has accumulated heavy stocks of butter, cheese and milk powder. Canadian production increased in 1953; and any surpluses are mainly in the form of butter."

Mr. Cameron went on to show that the per capita consumption of milk in liquid form has shown a marked increase in most of the dairying countries since the war, amounting, it is estimated, to about 12 per cent. In consequence there has been a smaller percentage of the total milk available for manufacturing purposes.

Butter Down, Margarine Up

"Butter consumption in many countries is less than pre-war. At the same time that of margarine has increased by about 37 per cent, this trend being most marked in the United States, where per capita consumption is about half of pre-war (16 down to 8) while margarine consumption has more than doubled (from 3 to 8 lbs.). In the United Kingdom also butter consumption is less than half the pre-war level (25 lbs.)."

"Statistics for a group of 18 countries show the average decrease in consumption now as compared with pre-war to be about 12 per cent, or a per capita decrease of 2½ lbs. Among this group, there are four, — New Zealand, the Irish Republic, Sweden and Belgium — where substantial increases in per capita consumption have occurred.

Canada Sixth Largest

Canada is now the sixth largest per capita consumer of butter, the first being New Zealand with 43.9 lbs., followed by the Irish Republic, 41.2, Australia, 29.5, Sweden 25.8 Belgium 24.9, Canada 22.1.

There has been an upward world trend in both production and consumption of cheese, Mr. Cameron showed, while condensed milk production has increased since 1938 by about 50 per cent, and world output of milk powder has also doubled since pre-war days.

Export trade in milk powder from the principal countries concerned is now almost seven times as great as it was in 1938; and Canada has sixth place as an exporting country.

Canada's success in developing her domestic market, said Mr. Cameron, was evidenced by statistics released by *Foreign Crops and Markets*, which indicated that per capita consumption of all dairy products was equal in 1952 to 1,081 lbs. of milk — a total exceeded by only New Zealand with 1,341 lbs. and Sweden with 1,255. For Australia the total was 1,041 lbs.; for Belgium 991; Denmark 905; Western Germany 671; Holland 626.

"If the domestic market for dairy products in Canada were curtailed, the cause would likely be a decrease in the purchasing power of consumers. In the past this has been accompanied by an increase in milk production, with producers of milk forced to place a greater reliance on export markets which usually offer lower prices than the home market." — W. C. Cameron, of marketing service in the federal department of agriculture.

New High Expected

WASHINGTON, D.C. — World production of cane and beet sugar for the 1953-54 season is expected to total almost 39 million short tons. This is a new high record, and is about 37 per cent over the pre-war average.

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Livestock Handlings Up, But Dollar Values Down

TORONTO, Ont. — Business done by United Co-operatives of Ontario in their last fiscal year totalled over \$51 millions, reported general manager Hugh Bailey at the recent annual meeting here. This was a decrease of nearly \$6 millions from the previous year. The drop in Ontario farmers' income was pointed up by the report of the livestock department, said Mr. Bailey. While 26,000 additional head of stock were sold, the dollar volume showed a drop of almost \$7 millions. Volume in the farm supplies section reached the new high mark of over \$18 millions.

U.K. Exports to N. America

LONDON, Eng. — U.K. exports to North America in 1953 were 14 per cent above those for the previous year, the greater increase being in goods shipped to Canada.

OTTAWA LETTER

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market, selling was not difficult. It would be a great mistake, it is pointed out, to imagine that we need not bother about quality in this country.

This will be clearly shown next fall and in days following, when the supply of hogs is up. Our comfortable position will be gone. There is a growing awareness about this, and

while there still appears to be the drawback of too large a percentage of low quality hogs and sows being used for breeding purposes, general interest is due for a sharp revival.

Efforts Across the Border

Across the border it is becoming more difficult for farmers to market hogs that are too fat. A great effort is being made along the present Canadian lines to develop lean hogs. The United States is trying to get different strains of good meaty hogs. The American department of agriculture has now a grading system in operation, where the grading is done among live hogs and where it is hoped that this system will be closely followed in the carcasses. Everything is being done to increase the number of lean hogs.

There are still many high grade hogs in Canada. Last summer a number of these were sold in Alberta for export. Canadian farmers know how to produce the highest type of pork. The need of establishing and retaining a high standard of production, it is hoped, will be realized.

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Cheap Vegetable Oils Threat to Our Industry

Prospects for Dairyman in Current Year Surveyed

By GILBERT MACMILLAN, President, Dairy Farmers of Canada

A real threat to our whole dairy industry is the presence on our domestic market of a cheap dairy substitute, made largely from imported vegetable oils, nearly half of which come in free of duty. The competition of this product has lowered our per capita consumption of butter by about eight pounds. If definite steps can be taken to regain about thirty per cent of this lost market, we would be in a fairly sound position The rising stocks of butter can be a real threat by 1955, when a new floor price will have to be worked out with the Government.

Other Substitute Products vincial Governments for the support they gave the dairy industry last spring. For the present, I think we should wait and see how these new regulations work out before pressing for anything further. We must, however, remain alert and be

determined to resist any move to weaken them.

Better Public Relations

As in 1951 and 1952, a major effort of your organization has been through your publicity program to impress on the Canadian people the food value of dairy products and the importance of the dairy industry to the economic welfare of the country. This a long-term project and to some the progress may appear slow, but we now know that we are making progress.

The contest for your share of the consumer's food budget is becoming keener every year, and without this program, we might definitely have lost ground. Our public relations releases are designed to impress on the Canadian people three things; the extent to which the dairy industry covers all Canada, the power of the dairy industry for creating permanence in rural life, and the relationship of workers in industry with the welfare of rural people.

The fundamental research work started a year ago in co-operation with the National Dairy Council, the Associated Milk Foundations and the Dairy Industry Suppliers Association is progressing.

Quality Producers' Aim

It would appear that producing enough dairy products to supply the domestic needs in 1954 is well within our capacity. However, the methods of production still remain the milk producers' main responsibility, both in regard to quality of product and cost of production.

Regarding quality, there can be no half measures. Milk as it comes from disease-free cows — there is no use in keeping any other kind — is nature's most nearly perfect food, and any contamination of it is due to the human element in lack of care and cleanliness. It is the producer's responsibility to deliver to his distributor or processor clean, sweet milk or cream. From there on it is the other fellow's responsibility. If he fails to do this, he is doing himself no good and the whole industry much harm.

In this issue we conclude the most valuable estimate by Mr. Macmillan of "What's Ahead for the Dairyman in 1954?" The survey contains salient points from his address to the recent annual convention of the Dairy Farmers of Canada in Hamilton.

It would be far better for anyone who is producing milk and not prepared to observe proper cleanliness and sanitary methods to try some other way of making a living. Producing clean, high quality milk is the best contribution the producer can make to the successful marketing of his product.

Good Slogan for Dairy Farmer

"Feed, Breed and Weed," is a good slogan for the dairy farmer. Cost of production is an individual problem which everyone has to work out for himself, and the lower he can get it, the better his chance of being a financial success. The old standards of good cows, good feed and good care are still the major factors in attaining this goal.

The great majority of our producers are fully alive to the necessity of doing everything they can to reduce costs. Through the use of artificial insemination, so as to make a greater use of good sires, they are raising the production standards of our commercial cows. Through pasture improvement and the saving of the flush of early summer growth by making silage, they are making better use of what their land can produce. They have carried mechanization as far as they possibly can, in fact further than it is economically sound, if proper help could be secured.

Most Efficient Animal

The good dairy cow is nature's most efficient animal. No other animal can convert as much of the raw material our lands produce into human food over as long a period. To do this, however, she must have good care and intelligent treatment.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation of the support given to me by Mr. Kitchen
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CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL SECTION Events and Experiences in the East

Elnora, Alta.

Dear Members:

YOU will have read the annual address of the President of the Dairy Farmers of Canada, Mr. Gilbert Macmillan of Huntingdon, Quebec, in our Central Alberta Dairy Pool Section of **The Western Farm Leader**. You will have read as well the Statement of Policy for 1954, and I am sure you will have found them of great interest. They deal with matters that concern all of us who are engaged in dairy production.

It will be worth your while to keep them and study them carefully, for they give a valuable account of what our representatives in the national field are doing in our behalf. I may say that the annual meeting of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, which was held after the Dairy Farmers' Convention, endorsed the policy statement.

A Few Interesting Experiences

In this issue, I should like to give you a few of our own observations about the meeting in Hamilton, and about some other interesting experiences of mine while I was in the East as one of your representatives.

It seems that our convention of the Dairy Farmers of Canada grows in popularity. Attendance tends to increase, as greater numbers of our dairy farmers all across Canada take advantage of this occasion to get together and discuss their problems, and to formulate policies which will prove beneficial to all of us.

Duty of National Policy Committee

Your C.A.D.P. president had the honor of being chosen a member of the national policy committee. The duty of this committee is to take the recommendations of the different commodity groups — butter, whole milk, cheese and the concentrated milk, and, as stated, formulate a policy based upon all these and coordinating them.

At the convention, nothing was spared to make our visit a pleasant one. The Province of Ontario, the County of Wentworth and the Hamilton Dairy Producers all did everything in their power to ensure that the occasion will be one to be remembered for many years, and in this they fully succeeded.

Our Visit to Niagara

You may like to learn about some of the places we saw while we were in the East. On the Monday of the week during which the convention was to be held, three large buses with close to 110 men and women started on a trip to Niagara Falls. After viewing these wonderful falls from different angles, we drove to the new project now under construction, "The Sir Adam Beck Niagara Generation Station No. 2." We ate our dinner in one of the large camp cafeterias there, which serve more than 5,000 meals a day to the men employed

VEGETABLE OILS — from Page 2 the entire staff at your head office. They do not perform their work as merely filling a job: Their hearts are definitely in their work and they give their best willingly. That is what makes for loyal and efficient service.

I also wish to say thanks to the members of the Management Committee and representatives of the agencies handling the Advertising and Public Relations program. They spare neither time nor effort in trying to translate into print the thoughts of the Committee.



President J. A. WOOD

on this great construction job.

Afterwards, Mr. Saunders, Hydro's Chairman, explained what they hoped to do — by digging two tunnels 5½ miles long. The intake will be two miles above the falls, and will be as far as 330 feet below the city, Mr. Saunders explained. It will be able to carry 15 million gallons of water a minute. When completed the new project will have a capacity of 1,828,000 horse-power.

At one point we stopped close to the end of the tunnel and the power house. We went out on a large platform which our friend told us was 300 feet above the gorge. The river flowed at a rate of 22 miles per hour and was 90 feet deep. We returned to Hamilton at 6 p.m.

We Meet Interesting Young Folks

On Monday evening Mr. Merriett, provincial agriculturist for Wentworth County, invited Alex Ross (of Duhamel — a director and secretary of our C.A.D.P. Board) — and your humble servant to attend a meeting in Watertown. This meeting was held in the high school, and most of those attending were bright rural young folks. They meet once a week. There are classes in woodwork, welding, sewing, art, public speaking, and farm management. We had the pleasure of meeting a number of people and speaking to three of the groups.

Our next stop was at a lovely farm just out of Hamilton. After we had spent a pleasant hour with the family, our host asked us to see his nice herd of 47 Holsteins, and we saw his electric barn cleaner in action.

Electric Barn Cleaners

This cleaned the barn in 17 minutes and loaded the manure on a spreader located outside the barn. Our district agriculturist told us there are only four farms at the present time in Ontario with this equipment. That's "30" for our Monday's program, as the printers say — actually the day ended at 1 a.m. Tuesday for us.

Visit Steel Plant and I.H.C.

On Tuesday morning at 9:30 we left the hotel by bus and drove to see the Steel Company of Canada. We saw the blast furnaces, the coke ovens, how the steel goes through the rollers, etc. We were also given special

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glasses which we had to wear for our own protection. Our trip through the steel plant will be a vivid memory for years to come.

At 2 p.m. on Tuesday, the buses took us to the plant of the International Harvester Company. First we were shown the twine department; we saw the hemp as it is when it is imported, the different processes it goes through, and the finished product as we know it in Alberta.

Then we broke up into groups of ten, and each group had a guide who gave explanations to the members of the groups. We saw the making of seed drills. The most interesting part to us was the painting and drying time required to dry — an average of five minutes. This completed another interesting day.

One Other Trip

I must mention one other trip that Mr. and Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Wood and I were able to enjoy while in Ontario. We were taken to Simcoe, and were shown there how the cans, like those we use — or will be using shortly — are made. After our drive through a nice part of Ontario on Saturday morning we left for Detroit for a visit over the week-end, before returning to attend the C.F.A. meeting, which was in the week following.

I need not discuss our Dairy Farmers' Convention at length, or the annual meeting of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, as extensive reports have appeared in **The Western Farm Leader**, in our own section and elsewhere. Some other features will be dealt with in other parts of this issue. I am, however, more and more

impressed, from my own observation and experience, of the value of these organizations to all of us.

Great Value to All Farm Families

The Dairy Farmers of Canada, as we all know, is doing splendid work for us, and through membership in the Canadian Federation of Agriculture is given the support of our Canada-wide organization representing all sides of farming.

Our own interests are in more than one branch of farming. So when, at the annual meeting of the Federation, we find that our Dairy Farmers' Statement of Policy is backed up as it is by the Federation, and when we find committees have been at work for other commodity groups — hogs, poultry, beef, etc. — and when we find further that these commodity groups bring in important recommendations which also receive C.F.A. backing, we realize how valuable a thing it is for all of our farm people to have membership in the Federation. The C.F.A. is always alert in the defence of our primary industry, and in promoting its interests.

Yours fraternally,

JAMES A. WOOD,
President.

Albertan to Advise Pakistan

LETHBRIDGE, Alta. — A. E. Palmer, former superintendent of the Lethbridge Experimental Station, who retired last fall, has accepted a two-year assignment as agricultural adviser on irrigation in Pakistan, under the Colombo Plan. He is succeeded at Lethbridge by Herbert Chester.

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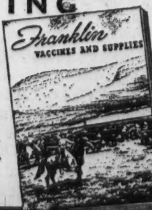
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WORLD CHRONICLE

Feb. 4th. — St. Laurent leaves Ottawa on round-the-world flying trip. Molotov's plan for German elections unacceptable to Western powers. Moscow offers visiting British businessmen contracts worth billion dollars.

Feb. 5th. — Pope Pius reported

critically ill. In Ottawa, Commons approves postal rates increase, in principle. Eisenhower urges Americans to ignore "prophets of gloom" in economic matters.

Feb. 6th. — Britain has reinforced ban on war materials to Egypt, reported in London. U.S. Senator Knowland complains that 90% United Nations forces in Korea were Americans.

Feb. 7th. — St. Laurent visits "country of ancestors" after short

More Rationing Ended

LONDON, Eng. — Rationing of butter, cheese, margarine and cooking fats in the United Kingdom will end on May 8th. Butter was first rationed in January 1940.

stay in England. Russia will lend Finland \$10 millions, announced in Moscow. French forces in Dien Bien Phu counter-attack encircling Vietminh troops.

Feb. 8th. — Foreign ministers hold restricted private session, in Berlin; Dulles to urge beginning of Korean political conference. London *Daily Mirror* calls for investigation of reported brutal treatment of Kenya negroes by whites. Yalu River may not be barrier to U.S. planes if Korean fighting resumed, suggests U.S. General Weyland. Ottawa reports Canadian authorities have announced their willingness to have Gouzenko testimony, recently given to U.S. Senate committee, made public. Answering question in Commons, Pearson says Washington had never objected to size of Canadian contribution to U.N. forces in Korea.

Feb. 9th. — Pope Pius' health improves. New Delhi reports Chinese-Indian talks on Tibetan frontier questions deadlocked. U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Benson declares beef industry, without price supports, is in better shape than wheat industry with supports.

Feb. 10th. — On the grounds that it would require abandoning NATO, Western foreign ministers at Berlin reject Molotov proposal for fifty-year collective security treaty for European powers. St. Laurent visits Bonn. Former head of post-war Italian police, Mario Scelba, becomes premier of Italy, heading three-party coalition. Bank of Canada reports Canadian economic activity at record peak in 1953. Pre-war Fascist leader Sir Oswald Mosley backs Russian plan for general disarmament.

Feb. 11th. — Syngman Rhee declares he will re-open Korean war, if necessary without U.S. support; also offers to send troops to aid French in Indo-China. Vietminh forces near capital of Laos (in Indo-China). U.K. Government retains Harwich in by-election with reduced majority.

Feb. 12th. — In Austrian treaty discussions at Berlin, Molotov demands withdrawal of troops be delayed until German peace treaty concluded. French embassy spokesman in Washington states Rhee's offer of troops for Indo-China will be rejected. Cairo reports Egypt may accept economic aid from Russia. U.S.S.R. Communist manifesto declares there are no international problems which can't be solved peacefully.

Feb. 13th. — Berlin reports three Western Foreign Ministers have proposed five-power talks, including China, be held at Geneva in spring, on Korea; also suggest talks on Indo-China. Dulles confers privately with Molotov on Eisenhower plan for world atomic pool. Queen Elizabeth and Duke of Edinburgh welcomed at Canberra, capital of Australia. In Rome, St. Laurent declares that to ensure peace it's necessary to be ready for war. East German government opens trade drive in Middle East, reported from Bonn. From Bolivia comes report that railway, being built by Krupp interests to connect their iron mines in interior with port of Santos, nears completion. British food mission may buy \$5 millions of B.C. salmon, says Vancouver despatch.

Select European Immigrants with Care and Advice

Greater Consideration of Dairying Experience Is Called for by A.D.A.

Selection of European immigrants coming to Canada with greater care as to their dairying experience was urged by the Alberta Dairymen's Association in annual convention in Edmonton. It was also requested that immigrants be given more instruction in the English language.

The convention urged continuance of the Alberta Government's grant to the association; continuation of the diploma course sponsored by the University of Alberta, the provincial department of agriculture and Chicago Vocational Training.

Support for the efforts of the Dairy Farmers of Canada to curtail unfair competition of imported vegetable oils, was placed on record. It was proposed to extend the period for what is now known as the "June Set-aside" advertising fund. Sympathy with the widow and family of the late Hon. D. A. Ure was expressed. It was decided to hold the 1955 convention in Calgary.

Urges Use of D.A.'s Services

Full use by Alberta dairy farmers of the services offered by their district agriculturists was urged by Hon. L. C. Halmrast, minister of agriculture, in addressing the annual banquet.

The D.A.'s, he said, would prove of valuable assistance in dealing with soil drifting and moisture conservation. D. H. McCallum, provincial dairy commissioner, who introduced the minister, stressed the advantages of competition work. The recent successes of Alberta at the Royal Winter Fair at Toronto, he said, are direct results of higher standards encouraged by the contests. Mr. Halmrast presented prizes and awards.

More intensive selling was urged by Dr. D. L. Gibson, head of the department of dairying of the University of Saskatchewan, who declared: "If the merits of dairy products are not extolled, under-consumption of these foods can be expected." He stressed the value of the present advertising programs.

Life membership certificates were presented to three members of the association: D. J. Christie and Richard Berendregt of Edmonton, and M. H. Roberts of Vancouver.

Feb. 14th. — St. Laurent in Rome; says Italian immigration will be increased "as much as possible." In Berlin, Foreign Ministers agree to end conference on Thursday; secret session called to discuss Korea and Indochina.

Feb. 15th. — Queen opens Australian Parliament. In Ottawa, transport commissioners refuse C.P.R. request for upward revision of freight rates. Washington despatch states "underground Pentagon" ready for use in event of war. French Navy Bathyscaphe sets new record of 13,287-foot ocean dive.

Feb. 16th. — In Canberra, Queen unveils monument to U.S. aid to Australia in World War II. Saigon reports Vietminh rebels are within five miles of capital of Laos. Washington increases export subsidies on wheat.

Feb. 17th. — Italy tied up by general strike, particularly effective in northern cities.

Indonesia in 1953 produced almost 20 per cent more copra than in the previous year.

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LIFE INSURANCE AIDS HOME BUILDING

During 1953, the Sun Life bond investment was increased by more than \$52 million, mainly in the industrial and public utility fields. The amount of mortgage loans expanded by almost \$30 million making a total mortgage investment of \$262,960,000. Of this amount, \$176 million is invested in 41,700 home mortgages. During the last eight years, the Sun Life has loaned \$335 million on mortgages.

Discussing the function of life insurance as reflected in the continued progress of the Sun Life, Mr. Bourke mentioned that life insurance ownership today is more widespread, and on a larger scale, than ever before. Canadians now own more than \$20 billions of life insurance, more than double the amount at the end of World War II. However, the amount per capita is not yet sufficient to give fully adequate and necessary protection, and there is still great need for the average family to own a larger amount of life insurance. "Time has proven that it is only through life insurance that the majority of individuals can meet the problems which death and old age create in loss of income", summed up Mr. Bourke. "There is no substitute for life insurance."

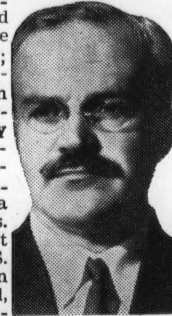
A copy of Sun Life's complete 1953 Annual Report to Policyholders, including the President's review of the year, is being sent to each policyholder, or may be obtained from any of the 100 branch offices of the Company throughout North America.

In his survey of the figures for the year, Mr. Bourke comments on the manner in which life insurance meets the responsibilities of its purpose. The Sun Life of Canada, he said, has paid \$2,729,000,000 in benefits since the first policy was issued in 1871, and during 1953 no less than half a million dollars was paid out by the Company each working day. Total amount paid during the twelve month period was \$125,057,000.

GROUP BUSINESS UP 17%

New annuity contracts during the year included individual annuities and group pensions guaranteeing payments of more than \$4 million per annum. Total annuity payments to be made by the Company either immediately or in the future, through group pension plans and individual contracts, increased to \$126 million per annum. Total Sun Life insurance in force at the end of 1953 amounted to \$5,678,000,000. Group insurance included in this figure is \$1,751,000,000, an increase of 17%. The growth of Group insurance and pension plans reflects the business and industrial expansion of recent years during which time the Company, a pioneer in this form of insurance, has retained a leading position, protecting many hundreds of thousands of employees of business and industrial organizations throughout North America.

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National Program of C.F.A. Will Be Presented Today

Today the representatives of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture will meet the members of the Federal Cabinet in Ottawa, to present the policies and programs advanced at the recent annual meeting of the C.F.A. in London, Ont. This annual meeting with the cabinet has become a tradition, established 15 years ago.

In order that readers of *The Western Farm Leader* may be well informed upon the policies which are being advanced in their behalf, we make it a practice to present an outline of these policies in our columns.

All of the decisions of the public sessions recorded in our last issue, in articles on various pages, were subsequently given final passage by the Board of Directors of the Federation.

For a listing of the principal recommendations concerning grain marketing and agricultural policy which are being laid before the cabinet today, we would refer our readers to page 13 and other pages of our last issue, February 5th. Other decisions of the federation which are being presented today will be found in the list below. Some resolutions, however, do not require federal government action for their implementation.

Farm Employment Practices: Commended Federal and various Provincial Governments for "progressive and advanced legislation."

Research Animal Diseases: Petitioned Federal Department of Agriculture to study acetoneemia.

Compensation for T.B. Reactors: Asked compensation be raised to \$60 for grades and \$125 for purebreds.

C.V. Eartags: Recommended that tags for calf vaccination be printed so that numbers will be on outside, and hence more readable.

Free Listed Herd Policy Control of Bangs' Disease: Asked that recent change in regulations be revoked, as herds accepted under old regulations cannot be carried on, in some cases, under the Free Listed Herd Policy.

Hog Cholera: That compensation be paid on hogs lost while the disease was in process of identification.

Cost of Destroying Stock After Disease Outbreaks: Called for investigation of policy of having Health of Animals Branch made responsible for cost and work involved in eradicating hog cholera and similar epidemics, as was done in the case of the foot-and-mouth outbreak.

More Consumer Information Through Film Board and CBC: Recommended further development of such films as "The Story of Standards", similar CBC program of consumer education.

Farm Radio Forum: Asked all Federation officers and directors to pledge themselves to support National Farm Radio Forum.

Labor - Management Relations: Add what convention did "Where public welfare is jeopardized laws should be made to settle by legal process disputes between organized sections of our economy."

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Members in Farmer Co-ops Over 7,000,000 In United States

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A recent report of the U.S. Department of Agriculture shows that membership in farm co-operatives was at a record high during 1951-52 the latest period for which figures are available. A total of 7.4 million members were enrolled in 10,143 farmer co-ops.

CORRESPONDENCE

Toronto, Ont.

NO GROUND FOR COMPLACENCY
Editor, *The Western Farm Leader*:

While it is smart news to learn that our 1953 butter production (301,916,000 pounds) was 21 million pounds ahead of the 1952 "make", it seems to me that there is no ground for complacency? I tend to measure the fact that we are now, apparently, at the 20 pounds per capita per year butter-consumption level, as against a fraction under 30 pounds as recently as 1947. Moreover, an item in my clipping-book (*Western Farm Leader* Oct. 3rd, 1952) intimates that "The biggest users of dairy products are the Irish — they have an average consumption of 1,388 pounds of milk and over 40 pounds of butter a year".

With today's population nudging 15,000,000 Canadians, if we had Mr. and Mrs. Murphy's butter hunger, we'd be calling for 600,000,000 pounds of this precious stuff in 1954! We will be calling for this latter poundage, anyway, when we have the population which the experts see — or think that they see — within the 20th Century, even at today's modest intake. Where is this butter to come from, Mr. Editor?

W. P. DAVISSON

Flax and Rye: Asked Wheat Board handle flax and rye.

Violations of Delivery Quotas: Urged prosecution for violations of grain delivery quotas "to fullest extent of law."

Agricultural Prices Support Act: Recommended increased use of support prices, such prices to be announced well in advance of production year, following consultation with producers.

Board of Livestock Commissioners: Asked establishment of board to administer Livestock and Livestock Products Act, and to regulate trade practices.

Federal-Provincial Agricultural Conference: Suggested enlarging scope of conference to provide for consideration of marketing problems.

International Trade: Urged reduction of tariffs, and other trade policies designed to extend markets for Canada's farm products.

Trade With Britain: Urged purchase British goods be facilitated by removal of trade restrictions.

Revision of Bank Act: Requested any necessary changes to enable Banks more adequately to serve present day needs of agriculture.

Interim Farm Financing: Asked that plans for interim financing on security of stored grain be prepared for immediate operation when needed.

Poultry and Hog Equipment: That such equipment be placed on free list or included in tariff item 409 (f).

Potato Tariffs: Requested that Canadian and U.S. tariffs on potatoes be equalized at lowest possible level.

Mixed Fertilizers: Urged removal of duty on mixed fertilizers.

Bangs Disease: Strongly recommended that no pure-bred cattle be sold without proof of freedom from Bangs Disease.

CBC Farm Services: Asked extension of these services.

Railway Commissioners: Recommended that appointments to this

Promotion of Beef Sales Proposed C.F.A. Committee

LONDON, Ont. — Approving the principle of a national organization for promoting the sale of meat and meat products, and recommending that the matter be studied by member organizations, the beef committee's report was adopted in the C.F.A. open sessions. It was further recommended that a unified program should cover beef, pork and lamb; that the work should be undertaken under a voluntary plan, and financed, to start with, by a levy of five cents per head on cattle sold on public stock yards or to packing plants.

Dairymen's Officers

Officers of the Alberta Dairymen's Association for the coming year are: President J. R. Sweeney, 11136-82 Ave., Edmonton; first vice-president, W. Hosford, Edmonton; second vice-president, S. Colpitts, Calgary; secretary, W. F. Empey, Edmonton. Named to the board of directors are: C. Dixon, St. Albert; Austin Bassett, Lethbridge; T. Morris, Didsbury; R. F. Smith, Calgary; M. W. Baker, Edmonton.

board be made on a regional basis.

Great Plains Water Authority: Urged setting up of such an authority by Federal Government and those of Prairie Provinces.

Committee Sees Marketing Boards as Only Solution

LONDON, Ont. — Producer controlled marketing boards as the only long-term solution to the poultry producers' problem were called for in the report of the National Poultry Committee, endorsed by the C.F.A. annual meeting in open session. Renewed efforts by national and provincial federations to secure such boards were urged.

Poultry Floor Prices

Support of floor price policies was expressed, and the importance to poultry producers of advance information was stressed. It was suggested that announcement of floor prices should be made by the previous December 1st, after consultation between the Minister of Agriculture, the Prices Support Board, and the C.F.A.

Floor prices were recommended as follows: Grade A Chicken, over 5 lbs. 38 cents, 4 to 5 lbs. 34 cents, and under 3½ lbs. 31 cents; Fowl, over 5 lbs. 27, 4 to 5 lbs. 25, under 4, 22; Turkeys, under 18 lbs. 39 cents and 18 lbs. and over 35 cents.

Floor price on eggs should be increased 50 45 cents, the committee recommended.

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The average New Zealander lives ten years longer than the average Canadian.

Warner F.W.U.A. have adopted the plan of having a dessert party at the beginning of their meetings, instead of lunch afterwards, writes Mrs. Heppler, adding "We get home earlier that way."

Shady Nook F.W.U.A. have decided to raise \$25 for the Building Fund, and to sponsor a sale of home baking in aid of the polio fund. Plans were also made for a sewing course, and to collect used clothing for Korea.

FARM WOMEN'S INTERESTS

Including News of The Farm Women's Union of Alberta

INDEMNITIES AND POSTAGE STAMPS

Comox, B.C.

Dear Farm Women:

There are probably many times when the people of this generation rather pride themselves that they are more broad-minded than their forebears. They feel their interests are very wide and that the world has grown very small. They enumerate the world organizations there are, not only of governmental bodies but of agricultural, co-operatives, etc. They comment on how small the world seems today; that instead of it being a matter of weeks and months to bridge some distances, today they are connected in a few hours or days by plane. And all of these things are very true and very much to the good.

But sometimes, does it not seem that what are comparatively trivial subjects which directly affect us at home, figure much more prominently in the thoughts and in the conversation of the "average citizen"?

Problems Bessetting the World

Today, for instance, how vital the problems that are besetting the world! Yet it is quite safe to say a few minutes on the headlines and a few minutes at the radio with short comments possibly afterwards is about all the time we as individuals devote to these subjects. There is not much voicing of our opinions, not much attempt to help mould public opinion, if not for the present time, then for the immediate future.

But let another topic which concerns us all as a nation come up, but one which is comparatively a minor one, and that is the topic very much to the fore! Comment is made on it by many of those otherwise silent on public affairs. I think I can instance two Canadian ones to illustrate my statement.

No Pre-Election Year Risk

I refer to the subject of the members of the Canadian Parliament raising their own salaries and to the increasing of the cost of the postage stamp from four to five cents. First

and foremost, I suppose we can gather there is not to be an election this coming year — a petty irritation has swamped many a public or personal plan, so there is no use waiting until the pre-election year and running any risk.

It is quite true that very probably there are some very clever, very able people who have refused to run for Parliament because it had not as great financial prospects as the building up of some business or professional career. It is probably just as true that there are as many in Parliament who are getting a sure yearly income up to, if not exceeding, what they had elsewhere.

Indemnity Not Total Picture

And, as one of the radio speakers pointed out the other night, the annual salary of \$6,000.00, \$2,000.00 of which is tax free, has been far from the total financial picture. The railway passes for the member and for his family are a tremendous asset in this country of long distances; the stationery, the free correspondence, all contribute to make for a most happy addition to life. The new salaries are \$10,000, with \$2,000 tax free.

The uncertainty of the duration of the time when this will be his lot in life, is, of course a detriment in weighing occupations from the financial angle. I am speaking, of course, of the members of Parliament. The method of selection of members of the Senate, appointed as today for party political service rendered, and for "the duration", seems to me indefensible.

But there always seems to me to be another asset in the life of a member of Parliament. If the man has a wide sense of public service and wishes to further action which he considers in the interest of his fellow man, than the great satisfaction of feeling he has made direct contribution to that end must be one of the greatest rewards he can have for his work.

Surely There's a Better Way!

And as for the increase of the letter-rate! Surely, surely a better way could be found to raise the national income! In a sense, a cheap postage stamp is one of the strongest links in knitting the ends of a country together. Could not a different type of income tax be found? Possibly the fact that Members of Parliament will not suffer as do others, made brains a bit sluggish! (When Parliament is in session, correspondence of members is franked — and no postage is required on letters addressed to members at the House of Parliament.)

Yours sincerely,
H. ZELLA SPENCER.

News of Women's Locals

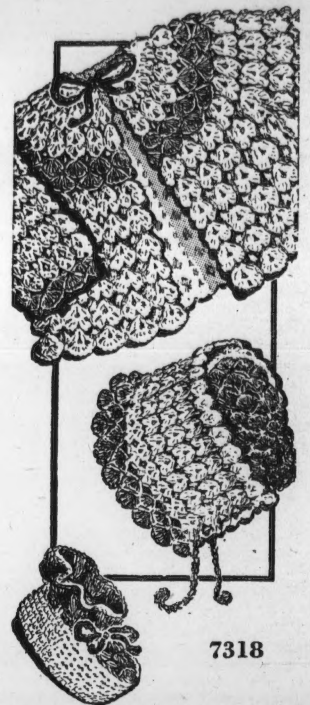
A nutrition course will be started in March by Crown F.W.U.A. (Ponoka).

Pelican F.W.U.A. report donations of \$57 towards the F.U.A. building fund and \$10 to the Polio Fund.

A Bake Sale and Parcel Post Sale will be held by Eclipse F.W.U.A. (Joffre) in April, writes Mrs. J. Duffy.

Heath F.W.U.A. plan to do sewing for the local hospital and for the Red Cross, reports Mrs. E. Murray.
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AGNES MACPHAIL - A TRIBUTE

By AMELIA TURNER SMITH

NOT only in her own province of Ontario, but throughout the country, and not only among farm people but among all Canadians, there must have been countless men and women who felt a sense of loss on hearing of the death of Agnes Macphail, on Saturday, February 13th. She was Canada's first woman member of Parliament; she was known as the champion of many underdogs; she had a well deserved reputation as a public speaker of clarity, vigor, and wit.

An Ontario Farm Girl

Agnes Cameron Macphail was born on an Ontario farm on March 24th, 1890. Her parents were both Scottish. She was brought up on the farm, went to high school and Normal School, and taught in country schools in Ontario. She became deeply interested in the Ontario farm movement which was gaining strength rapidly under the leadership of the late J. J. Morrison.

To Be Interested Was to Act

In her case, to be seriously interested meant to become an active worker — and a very able worker. The mark she made as a worker in the farm movement can be gauged from the fact that, in the Ontario of over thirty years ago, in 1921, she, a woman and a young woman, was nominated as U.F.O. candidate in the constituency of Grey South East, and was elected. She was re-elected in successive elections, holding the seat until 1940, when she was defeated by Walter Harris, now Minister of Fisheries. She took an active part in the creation of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation. She served in the Ontario Legislature from 1943 to 1945, and again from 1948 to 1951.

The last years of her life, unhappily, were clouded by ill health, and, for a time, by strained circumstances.

First Woman Member of Parliament

Miss Macphail was in many ways a pioneer. She once remarked that it would have been more fair if not herself but some woman who had long worked for women's suffrage had won the honor of being the first woman M.P. in Canada. But in her years of public service she fought for women's rights. In a very fine tribute in "Capital Report" on Sunday, Anne Francis referred to Miss Macphail's efforts as an important factor in securing "equal pay for equal work" legislation in Ontario.

During many years she worked side by side with Alberta's fine group of representatives at Ottawa — the U.F.A. Members — for she was interested chiefly in the great social questions of the day which concerned people, men as well as women.

"Little Sister of the U.F.A."

E. J. Garland, introducing Miss Macphail on an occasion when she was to give an address to an annual convention of the United Farmers of Alberta, spoke of her as the "little sister of the U.F.A." She was a handsome woman, built on a rather large



From a photograph taken when she was U.F.O. member of parliament, the portrait shows Agnes Macphail as many of the farm people of Alberta knew her. It was during this period in her career that she delivered the memorable address to a large convention of the United Farmers of Alberta referred to on this page. She was a member of the famous "Ginger Group" which, though small in numbers, made a lasting contribution to parliamentary history by reason of the ability, vigor and independence of those who composed it, and laid the foundation for much welfare legislation now on the statute book, as well as legislation of great value to agriculture.

"Bob" Gardiner, Henry E. Spencer, E. J. Garland, George G. Coote, D. M. Kennedy, J. S. Woodsworth, William Irvine were among other members. Of the labor group of two which with its farmer members mostly from Alberta formed the "Ginger Group", J. S. Woodsworth was the leader and Mr. Irvine the other member. Mr. Irvine was later elected a U.F.A. member.

scale.

Her character was so unbending that she couldn't reconcile it with her conscience to accept the extra money when Parliamentary indemnities were increased from \$2,000 to \$4,000. When she did take the full indemnity, after some years, she devoted it to the special purpose of helping young women to train themselves as teachers.

Big Enough to Change Position

She was big enough to change her position when new circumstances demanded it. Like Bertrand Russell and many others who had been ardent pacifists, she became convinced that nothing but force would stop the horror of Nazism, and gave wholehearted support to World War II.

Agnes Macphail's reputation as a "bonny fighter" was well earned. She had remarkable ability, and a most trenchant wit. It was a wit

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that could be biting. And, as the obverse side of the medal, it followed almost necessarily that occasionally the wit became a little harsh. But people who don't have those quick flashes of clever repartee, of course, can't appreciate the temptations of those who do.

Great Ability and Fine Character

But even those who may have felt the sting of her caustic wit were bound to respect her great ability and her fine character. She had many achievements to her credit, not the least the high standard of public service that she consistently set.

The present writer feels now as she did when recording an interview with Miss Macphail, in 1923: "She was a daughter of the farm that all Canadian farm people may well be proud of."

FARM HOME & GARDEN

Children's Tantrums are often due to fatigue. A regular schedule for going to bed and getting up should be adhered to, so that the child may get enough rest.

Potato Scab can be controlled by rotation of crops. Potatoes should not be grown on the same ground for two years in succession, states L. F. Ounsworth, of the Harrow, Ontario, Experimental Station; and even a two-year rotation isn't enough to control scab. Scab is more prevalent in dry years.

Gravy: It's easier to make smooth gravy, says an experienced cook, if you mix a little salt with the flour before adding the water or vegetable stock.

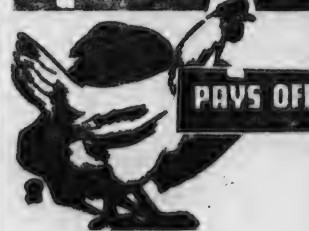
Clear Soup: The liquid from your boiled or canned vegetables — carrots, parsnips, beets, peas, beans, cabbage, onion, cauliflower — can be combined to form the basis for delicious clear soup. Use the stronger-flavored liquid

with discretion; heat with a piece of onion or a few celery leaves or a few tablespoons of tomato juice, add a little meat extract or meat stock.

Apple-Cottage Cheese Salad: Dice two apples without peeling; combine with 2 cups diced celery, 3 tbs. sliced stuffed olives, and 3 tbs. your favorite salad dressing. Arrange on shredded lettuce or cabbage, and top each serving with 1/3 cup cottage cheese.

Crumb Pudding: Scald 3 cups milk, add 1 1/2 cups stale bread or cake crumbs; let stand until soft. Add 1/2 cup sugar, pinch of salt, 2 beaten eggs, 1/2 tsp. vanilla, 2 tbs. melted butter. Pour into buttered baking dish and oven-poach in moderate oven until set — about one hour.

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WESTERN STOCK GROWERS (Continued from Page 1)

The building of the fine large Highwood Memorial Hall in which the meeting and luncheon and banquet and evening entertainment were held, was financed by voluntary contributions of people of town and neighboring countryside, who appointed a board of trustees for its management. The attractiveness of the interior is enhanced by paintings by artists of the district, Bert Smith and Theo Schintz.

Those who could find time to visit the Legion lounge to see the Indian and pioneer exhibits and old time photos were well rewarded.

A Fine Special Edition

The High River Times celebrated the occasion in an excellent special edition, holding over much other im-

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The Wheat Situation

E. PATCHING,
Alberta Wheat Pool

Pattern of Trade Changing

The pattern of the world's wheat trade has changed considerably since prewar days. Whereas Europe formerly took about three-quarters of all wheat entering international trade, it now takes about one-half. Asia, before the last war, took only 10 per cent of all exports but because of a continuous rice shortage is now taking about 25 per cent. The demand for wheat in Africa is also much larger now than before the last war.

Export trade, too, has shown marked changes. In prewar days Canada was the world's largest wheat exporter. Last year it regained that position after having given way to the United States since the end of World War II. In the 1934-38 period, exports of wheat from the United States amounted to less than half of those from Australia or Argentina, but in the immediate postwar years were four times as great as Australia's exports and six times as large as those from Argentina.

In the 1934-38 period other countries, principally those in the Danube Basin, supplied about one-fifth of the world's wheat exports but now that figure has dropped to about one-tenth.

Exports in Two Periods Compared

The table below, prepared by the United States department of agriculture, shows world wheat exports by geographic areas in 1952-53 with comparisons for 1934-38 and 1945-49:

	1934-38	1945-49	Av. 1952-53
— million bushels —			
United States	45	405	317
Canada	175	278	392
Australia	106	93	100
Argentina	122	67	29
Others	101	62	97

Total 549 902 935
Exports from Argentina in 1952-53 were much lower than would ordinarily be expected as a result of an almost complete crop failure in that country.

Imports by geographic regions during the same periods were as follows:

	1934-38	1945-49	Av. 1952-53
— Per Cent of Total —			
Europe	73	61	50
North, Central, and S. America	15	13	16
Asia	10	21	23
Africa	2	5	7

important news in order to do justice to the occasion. There were illustrations of ranching and farming scenes, and a history of the W.S.G.A.; sketches of its founders, some now dead, portraits of men who have been and are active in its development, including today's young "top hand" of the Association, Bert Hargrave.

Greetings to the association were brought by His Honor Lieut.-Gov. J. J. Bowlen, by Mayor Ross Ellis of High River, and, most appropriately in view of Nanton's association with the occasion, its Mayor "Mac" McKenzie; as well as by John Cowling, president of the High River chamber of commerce and agriculture.

President Hargrave in his report paid high tribute to the work done by Ken Coppock, former secretary, in building the association, and announced a new policy for the future. It has been decided that the able new secretary, E. A. Chisholm, would go out into the field a good deal, attending meetings and organizing at many points.

Mr. Chisholm announced that present membership is 2,086, six fewer than in the preceding membership year, and that some 501 members failed to meet their obligations last year.

John Mitchell of Pilot Creek, presi-

Livestock Markets Review

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, Feb. 17th. — Hogs closed yesterday \$34; sows \$20.25 to \$20.50, good lambs \$20 to \$20.75; good to choice butcher steers \$16.50 to \$18, down to \$12 for common; good stocker and feeder steers \$14 to \$15.50.

THE DAIRY MARKET

There has been no change in local prices to producers. Special cream is 63, No. 1 is 61, No. 2 is 52, off-grade is 46. First-grade prints, wholesale, are 63.

EGG AND POULTRY MARKET

Feb. 16th. — Egg prices to producers, locally, are for A large 34, medium 32, small 27; B's are 27 and C's 22. Dressed chicken, under 4 lbs. are 32 for Grade A, 28 for B and 20 for C. Dressed fowl, under 4 lbs. are 26 down to 12; 4 to 5 lbs. are 29 down to 15; 5 lbs. and over, 31 down to 18.

dent of the Saskatchewan Stock Growers' Association, brought greetings.

Editors Address Gathering

Harold Fry of Winnipeg, editor of *The Country Guide* and past president of the Agricultural Institute of Canada, expressed pleasure in the association of *Cattlemen*, recently acquired by Public Press, Ltd., the *Guide* publishers, with the Western Stock Growers Association, of which it is the official organ, though its circulation is much wider than the association's membership.

"There has never been a permanent agriculture," said Mr. Fry, "not founded on livestock. If we hope to establish a more permanent agriculture, livestock and crops must go together." He was confident *Cattlemen* could do a useful job. It would seek to provide assistance in improving the standards of living of ranchers and all farm folk. Frank Jacobs, editor of *Cattlemen*, also in a brief happy speech, said the magazine would concern itself in an especial way with the consolidation and extension of membership in the association, and the promotion of the welfare of the beef cattle industry.

Outline Meat Council Plans

Don J. McKinnon of Carlsland, president, and Grant MacEwan, manager of the Council of Beef Producers (Western Section), dealt with plans for the setting up of the Canadian Meat Council.

Steps to advance the plan were taken at a meeting in Winnipeg early this month. From coast to coast, cattlemen's organizations had gone on record in favor of such a plan, which it is expected will be made operative at an early date. Although sponsored by producers, the national body will include representatives from all phases of the meat industry.

For several years past, a campaign to promote the use of beef has been carried on by the Canadian Beef Council, principally in western Canada. The Meat Council will serve to broaden the scope of this work; beef will be its main consideration at the moment, but it is expected that sheep and pig producers will become associated with it also.

While the Council of Beef Producers has operated on a budget of less than \$10,000 per year, it is estimated that more than \$100,000 per year will be made available now for promotion across Canada.

Important addresses were given by E. S. Manning, managing director of the Industrial and Development Council of the Canadian Meat Packers, who stated that packers work on a finer margin of profit than any other industry; by Hon. Ivan Casey, Alberta minister of lands and mines; W. R. Hanson, assistant chief forester, Eastern Rockies Conservation Board; R. W. Peake, forage crops section, Lethbridge experimental station; W. H. T. Meade, provincial livestock commissioner; N. G. Meldrum, chair-

WCSGA Elect Officers

Bert Hargrave of Medicine Hat was re-elected president of the Western Stock Growers Association at the annual meeting last week; with John M. Cross of Nanton first vice-president; Clarence Copithorne of Jumping Pound second vice-president. Other members of the board of directors are: Jim Cartwright, High River; George Ross Jr. of Aden; Herman Linder, Cardston; C. T. McKinnon, Dalmead; Joe Gilchrist, Wild Horse; Wilbert Mc Lellan, Allie Steeter, Stavelly; Dick Cosgrave, Rosebud; Ed. Bell, Hanna; Bert Sheppard, Longview; Thomas Usher, Scoliard, and P. A. Miner.

man of the board of arbitration; R. H. Palmer, of the Lethbridge experimental station; N. A. Jacobsen, of the Montana state college, Bozeman, Mont.; Wayne Darrow of Washington, D. C. farm editor; Dr. J. A. B. McArthur, of the Manyberries experimental station; Hon. L. C. Halmrast, minister of agriculture; R. H. Painter, entomological division, science service, Lethbridge.

It was requested by resolution that the Carbondale game reserve, north of Waterton Lake, be restored to the status of a provincial forest reserve because game in that area no longer require protection.

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Provincial Board's Policy is Favored by Union Conference

Farm Unions' Sponsored Gathering Considers Better Marketing Plan for Livestock

"After considerable argument the advocates of provincial boards won out," announces Henry Young, president of the Farmers' Union of Alberta, reporting on a recent conference sponsored by the Farm Unions and held in Saskatoon. The purpose of the conference was to "try and reach agreement on plans for a better system of marketing livestock," and it was well attended in spite of very cold weather.

Error Is Corrected

Through an error in reporting, Mr. Young pointed out, a statement opposing any proposal for a producer marketing board had been attributed to George Winkelaar of the A.L.C., instead of to Emil Cammaert of Rockyford, who informed the conference early in the proceedings that he represented the Western Stock Growers' Association, and had instructions to vote against any such proposals.

"The great majority at the conference were in favor of some kind of livestock marketing board. The main point at issue was whether they should aim at a federal marketing board or start by organizing provincial boards first in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. It was recognized that Alberta would have to be left out of the picture for the present until adequate marketing legislation is secured there.

Nollett Advances Federal Board

"The chief advocate of a Federal Board was Hon. I. C. Nollett, minister of agriculture for Saskatchewan, who argued that only a national setup could control the marketing situation. He was opposed by Mr. Schulz, president of the M.F.U., who contended that it would take too long to get a national board and action was needed now. Mr. Schulz bolstered his case by offering to produce a plan for immediate action along provincial lines."

After the discussion favoring provincial boards Mr. Schulz's plan drawn up for Manitoba, was considered, and it was decided that this plan should be further discussed in the two provinces at meetings called for that purpose.

"It was recognized," states President Young, "that this problem of livestock marketing in Western Canada will be difficult to work out without Alberta. However, the producers from other provinces felt that they should make a start with the job. Further developments will depend upon the way the livestock producers rally round the idea in their respective provinces."

FARM WOMEN'S LOCALS (Continued from Page 10)

Recently Poplar Ridge F.W.U.A. (Red Deer), "received a generous donation of \$20 from an old timer of the district," writes Mrs. J. B. Moore. Plans have been made for a series of dances to further augment funds.

Members of Champlain F.W.U.A. agreed recently to make a contribution to the Champlain Community Centre. The "Centre" are purchasing the local school and remodelling it to make a hall for the use of the community.

District Home Economist Miss McCatchen has been asked to visit the next meeting of Sunnibend F.W.U.A.

Little Folks' Puzzle



Susan is in the garden gathering something for her mother to preserve. She has a whole apron full. "Oh! my this has a delicious flavor!" said Susan as she tasted one. Join all the numbered dots together, starting with dot number one and ending with dot number thirty-seven and you will see what Susan has in her apron. Color when finished.

(Pibroch) "to speak on construction of a hassock, for our group project in handicrafts," reports Mrs. Adair.

Representing Evergreen F.W.U.A., Mrs. E. Hrdlicka attended the District Nine leadership conference, reports Mrs. Annie Ebl.

Delia F.W.U.A. will meet on the second Thursday of each month in future, writes Mrs. Felix Battle, instead of the last Thursday.

Big Stone F.W.U.A. recently voted to send \$5 to the Polio Fund; and a parcel of clothing to the Red Cross, reports Mrs. Turnbull.

St. Albert F.W.U.A. joined with the F.U.A. recently to hear an address by Karl Kapler, president of Alberta Poultry Producers, on producers' marketing boards.

Miss Phyllisann Scott was nominated by Pine Hill F.W.U.A. as Scottish exchange delegate and Miss Darlene Johannson as Stampede Queen candidate, at a recent meeting. Some time was devoted to study of the Marketing Board, and the hostess, Mrs. K. K. Johnson provided a Valen-

tine contest. It was decided to study two books on Pakistan.

Each member of Grand Meadow F.W.U.A. (Ponoka) is making a pair of children's pyjamas for the Bethany Home at Gwynne, and a donation of \$25 is being sent to the Salvation Army.

Contributions of \$27 to the building fund, \$5 to the Cancer Crusade and \$5 to the Polio Fund, were voted by a recent meeting of Wild Rose F.W.U.A. (Carolside), writes Mrs. Solberg.

Exchange of Valentines marked the February meeting of Gwynne F.W.U.A. It was decided to send \$35 to the building fund. "This is \$5 more than our \$3 per members," writes Mrs. D. W. Baker, "and we hope to send more at a later date."

Mrs. C. Currie was presented with a silver vase by Marwayne recently, in honor of her silver wedding anniversary, reports Mrs. E. Gray. At the February meeting, she reports, Gladys Hutchinson continued her interesting report of the F.W.U.A. convention.



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MUSTARD AND CRESS

By SYDNEY MAY

Hello, Folks!

Brother Barabash is still in his philosophical mood, so we're going to let him kick off this column once again. Here we go with his

MEDITATIONS

Nothing upsets and bewilders us more than to be forced by events or circumstances under the grinding mill of necessity. And yet that very grinding, distressful though it may be, seems to be necessary for the sharpening of our character. And the speed and the weight of the grinding determines the excellence of the product.

To a geometrician, "the straight line is the shortest distance between two points," but to an artist, particularly to the painter and the sculptor, the curved line is the most beautiful distance between two points.

Every woman wants her lover to be a hero — even unto death.

ISN'T IT THE TRUTH
We must all somehow solve

the problem of how to stay honest without being too naive.

All art is feeling moulded into form.

Many of us believe that the good of itself will overcome the evil, foolishly forgetting that before goodness can operate, it, like electricity, must have a medium — a human medium at that.

— Volodimir Barabash.

Thanks once again, Volly. Maybe one day we'll get philosophical too.

THE LONG AND SHORT OF IT

Postcard from Mary of Carbon says people are sometimes grateful for opposite things. New Zealanders are grateful for their longest day and Albertans are grateful when New Zealand's longest day is past.

Chuck of Chuckawalla: You know, the Alberta Liquor Law presents a serious problem.

Knotty Frankie: Yep let's drink it over.

AUTO EPITAPH

John Binns ignored the traffic lights,
And sneered at them instead.
He claimed his rights
And got his rites —
A gravestone at his head.

ADD SIMILES: As old fashioned as a pair of silk stockings.

Lil' Goldilocks, our office vamp, tells us that she went to a party the other night that lasted from nine o'clock until yawn.

According to Cynical Gus, this world has seen the stone age, the iron age, the ice age, the bronze age, the steel age and now we've reached the canned age — Canned music, canned drama, canned food as well as pork and beans.

TODAY'S GREAT OOZE

Giving a child its head doesn't help it to find its feet.

LET'S GO INTERNATIONAL IN PROVERBS

FRENCH — A women's lips have cured many ills.

IRISH — A constant guest is never welcome.

SCOTCH — Bitin' and scartin' is Scot's-folk's woolin'.

ITALIAN — Begin your web and God will supply the thread.

RUSSIAN — When the head is stupid the feet suffer.

ENGLISH — A closed mouth catches no flies.

CHINESE — If you walk on snow you cannot hide your footprints.

JAPANESE — Buy land that slopes towards the centre, and marry a girl whose mother is good.

CAN YOU SEE THIS

"BLINDNESS WAS POWER: You could do things you knew were right, and the world dare not gainsay you. Hell, Larry didn't know how the minister looked, or what he wore. None of the boys at the wedding knew if a man was well-dressed, or a women well-groomed or pretty. None of them knew a black from a white, a rich man from a laborer, a Catholic from a Protestant, a Gentile from a Jew. But all of them knew the ones who loved them, all of them knew selfishness from stinginess, all of them knew the right from the wrong. All of them knew that the world refused to think of, or understand blindness, just as it equally refused to think of, or understand, a

Judges for Calgary Show

Judges at the 1954 Calgary Bull Sale and Fat Stock Show will be: Aberdeen Angus (March 8), Lew Pierce, Creston, Illinois; Shorthorn Bulls (March 9th), James Killoh, Hamiota, Manitoba; Fat Stock and Baby Beef (March 15th), Ed. Noad, Claresholm; Hereford Bulls (March 18th), Dr. E. L. Scott, Phoenix, Arizona. Entries exceed 1,200 animals, General Manager M. E. Hartnett announces, and a large attendance is expected.

Negro or a Jew."

— From "Lights Out" by Baynard Kendrick.

Incidentally, "Lights Out" is a book everybody should read. It can be obtained in a White Circle, Pocket Book edition at 25 cents.

I HAVE LIVED WITH THESE

I do not know that I shall kiss again

The lips of summer or the brow of spring,

Or touch the hand of golden nature when

She sits enraptured of remembering.

So now there is no dawn I do not see;

No day in which I do not find delight

And I sit, speechless, when in ecstasy

The moon pours out her passion on the night.

Let death come down in darkness and in pain —

I shall not fear it! I have lived with these,

And my small dust will find the tender rain

And lie in rest beneath the singing trees.

— Gilean Douglass.

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